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AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR YO UR
SUBJ: YUGOSLAV CONCERN OVER SOVIET-SPONSORED THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY
CCELEBRATION OF VE DAY

1. YUGOSLAVA PERMREP TETRIC SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT
AT LUNCH MAY 8 IN CONSIDERABLE AGITATION OVER SERIES OF
CELEBRATIONS BEING RUN OFF IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE TO COM-
MEMORATE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY. PETRIC SAID HE
HAD JUST LEARNED OF PLANS FOR SOVIET LED ROUND OF ORATORY IN
MAY 8 AFTERNOON SESSION OF ECOSOC. HE TOOK POSITION US. AND UK
WERE ALLOWING SOVIETS TO GET AWAY WITH CLAIMING PRINCIPAL CREDIT
FOR WW II VICTORY THROUGH THEIR MARSHALLING OF EE CHORUS OF
PRAISE FOR SOVIET WARTIME ACCOMPLISHMENTS. TRUE FACTS OF
WW II WERE BEING DISTORTED AND HOSTORY TWISTED IN THIRD
WORLD AND ELSEWHERE TO SERVE SOVIET POLITICAL POSITIONS.

2. PETRIC SAID INDIGNANTLY THAT HE HAD DECLINED TO HAVE
HIS EMBASSY REPRESENTED AT EAST GERMAN RECEPTION MAY 7 AND WAS
UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WOULD ATTEND LARGE SOVIET RECEPTION PLANNED
FOR MAY 9. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD ATTEND CZECH RECEPTION MAY 8
SINCE HE REGARDED THAT AS CZECH NATIONAL DAY.

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3. COMMENT: IN THE ACTUAL ECOSOC SESSION, YUGOSLAV

AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATED WITH TWENTY MINUTE SPEECH ABOUT
YUGOSLAV EXPERIENCES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN WORLD WAR II.
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